GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
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Appointment of Notary
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government issues orders for appointment of advocates to practice as Notary in all the courts of the country;
(b) if so, the details of number of Notary Advocates appointed during the last three years, State/Court-wise including Maharashtra;
(c) whether the services of these Notary Advocates are for a specific period/years and their services are to be renewed after their term ends and if so, the details thereof;
(d) the number of certificates of Notaries have been renewed during the last year and the current year, State/Court-wise;
(e) the number of requests for seeking renewal of their certificates to practice as Notary that are pending with the Government for approval/renewal, Court-wise/State-wise; and
(f) the criteria adopted by the Government to appoint notaries in the states?

Answer

ANSWER
MINISTER OF STATE FOR LAW AND JUSTICE AND ELECTRONICS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY
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(a) The Notaries Act, 1952 and the rules made thereunder do not provide for Court- wise vacancies and therefore, the department does not maintain the details of appointed notaries Court-wise. However, Rule 3 of the Notaries Act, 1952 empowers the Central Government to appoint advocates as Notary in any part of the Country.
(b) State-wise number of notaries appointed during last three years may be seen at Annexure-1.
(c) Section 5(1)(b) of the Notaries act, 1952 provides that the services of Notaries are valid for a period of five years only. Further, section 5(2) of the Act provides for renewal of Certificate of Practice for a period of five years at a time.
(d) The State-wise number of Certificates of Notaries renewed during the last year and the current year may be seen at Annexure-2. Court-wise data is not maintained in view of point (a) above.
(e) Approximately 530 requests for renewal of Notary Certificates are pending with Government. State-wise details may be seen at Annexure-3. Court-wise data is not maintained in view of point (a) above.
(f) Rule 3 to Rule 8 of the Notaries Rules, 1956 governs the criteria for appointment of Notaries. The Central Government appoints Notaries in the States strictly in accordance with the provisions of these rules.

Annexure-1
Number of Notaries appointed by Central Government during the last three years

State 2014 2015 2016
Andaman & Nicobar - - -
Andhra Pradesh 80 - -
Arunachal Pradesh - - -
Assam - - -
Bihar - - -
Chandigarh - - 24
Chhattisgarh - - -
Delhi 90 -
Dadra & Nagar Haveli - - -
Daman & Diu - - -
Goa 4 - -
Gujarat - - 658
Himachal Pradesh - - -
Haryana - - 203
Jharkhand - - -
Jammu & Kashmir - - -
Kerala - - -
Karnataka - - 329
Lakshadweep - - -

Meghalaya - - -
Maharashtra 165 -
Manipur - - -
Mizoram - - -
Madhya Pradesh - - -
Nagaland - - -
Odisha - - -
Punjab - - 170
Pondicherry 5 -
Rajasthan - - 600
Sikkim - - -
Tamil Nadu 170 -
Tripura - - -
Telangana - - -
Uttar Pradesh 183 - -
Uttarakhand 3 - -
West Bengal - - -

Annexure-2
Number of Notary Certificates Renewed during last year and current year
State 2016 & 2017
Andaman & Nicobar -
Andhra Pradesh 54
Arunachal Pradesh -
Assam 2
Bihar 13
Chandigarh 8
Chhattisgarh -
Delhi 46
Dadra & Nagar Haveli -
Daman & Diu -
Goa 1
Gujarat 223
Himachal Pradesh 2
Haryana 165
Jharkhand 2
Jammu & Kashmir -
Kerala 94
Karnataka 171
Lakshadweep -
Meghalaya -
Maharashtra 381
Manipur -
Mizoram -
Madhya Pradesh 16
Nagaland -
Odisha 5
Punjab 128
Pondicherry -
Rajasthan 76
Sikkim -
Tamil Nadu 171
Tripura 2
Telangana 10
Uttar Pradesh 228
Uttarakhand 8
West Bengal 23
Total 1829

Annexure-3
State Number of Certificates pending for renewal
Andaman & Nicobar -
Andhra Pradesh 21
Arunachal Pradesh -
Assam -
Bihar 1
Chandigarh 8
Chhattisgarh 2
Delhi 19

Dadra & Nagar Haveli -
Daman & Diu -
Goa -
Gujarat 37
Himachal Pradesh -
Haryana 54
Jharkhand -
Jammu & Kashmir -
Kerala 33
Karnataka 32
Lakshadweep -
Meghalaya -
Maharashtra 79
Manipur -
Mizoram -
Madhya Pradesh 2
Nagaland -
Odisha 2
Punjab 53
Pondicherry -
Rajasthan 22
Sikkim -
Tamil Nadu 61
Tripura 1
Telangana 3
Uttar Pradesh 86
Uttarakhand 2
West Bengal 12
Total 530
Number of Notary Certificates Pending for Renewal